



ARIZONA COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING

Commission Meeting

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

DES Director's Conference Room

1717 W Jefferson Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present:

Michael Traylor, Co-Chair, Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH); Melanie Starns (Sitting in for Co-Chair Clarence H. Carter), Department of Economic Security (DES); Brian Spicker, Valley of the Sun United Way (VSUW); Charles Ryan, Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC); Darlene Newsom, United Methodist Outreach Ministries (UMOM); David Sherman, The Salvation Army, White Mountain Outpost; Dennis Young (Sitting in for Director Robert Halliday), Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS); Jenifer Thornton, City of Sierra Vista; Mark Holleran, Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS); Mary Murphy (Alternate), Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families (GOCYF); Sean Price (Alternate), Arizona Department of Veteran's Services (AZDVS); Ted Williams, Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation (ABC) and Terri Leveton, Nova Safe Haven.

Commissioners Absent:

Clarence H. Carter, Co-Chair, DES; Frank Migali, Department of Education (ADE); Robert Halliday, DPS; Will Humble, Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) and Victor Hudenko, Independent Consultant.

Staff Present:

Lynn Larson, DES; Raoul Sada, DES; Donna Bleyle, DES; Danelle Valenzuela, ADHS; Karia L. Basta, ADOH; Karen Hellman (Alternate), ADC; Margaret Kilman, DES and Priscilla Cruz, DES.

Guests Present:

Andrew Knochel, Arizona State University (ASU); Brande Mead, Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG); Julie Packer, South Eastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO); Craig Tribken, CASS.

Welcome and Introductions:

Co-Chair Traylor called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of the Minutes:

Co-Chair Traylor called for a motion to approve the Tuesday, March 19, 2013 meeting minutes. The motion was approved and passed by Commissioners in attendance.

Continuum of Care Presentation – Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG):

Brande Mead, Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) gave a presentation outlining MAG's strategies towards ending homelessness. She began by stating that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has invested close to \$270 million in the Maricopa County Continuum of Care since 1999. She then went on to cover the breakdown of the investment and inventory of housing which HUD's funding is supporting in the community. At the last count given on January 29, 2013 there were 1,581 unsheltered people counted and surveyed in Maricopa County. Additionally, there

were 4,308 in shelters, making a total of 5,889 homeless individuals in Maricopa County on the night the Point in Time count was conducted. She also stated that the new methodology used for this year's street count will be utilized as a baseline for future counts. She noted a 25% overall decrease in the chronic homeless numbers, going from 45% to 20%. She pointed out that during the years of 2005 to 2010 visual counts were conducted and the surveyors were making 'judgment calls' as to whether someone was chronically homeless or not which may have led to inflated numbers. She then went on to discuss the Continuum of Care's (COC) goals to end homelessness.

Brande then discussed how the COC is addressing the goals of the HEARTH Act. She also touched on the Rapid Results Boot Camp initiated by HUD and the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH), and the resulting 100 day plan to house the chronically homeless and their families. The Boot Camp attendees developed a plan for the Maricopa County region to maintain a placement rate of 50-55 persons per month until December 2015.

Committee Reports

Housing Committee: Co-Chair Trailor reported on this committee stating that the housing locator tool has been re-launched and is receiving some good feedback; the committee is continuing its work with the locator tool.

Studies and Surveys Committee: Commissioner Spicker reported on this committee stating that the Morrison Institute is analyzing the data that came out of the 2012 Summer Survey. It is anticipated that the data analysis will be completed in June and is expected to be very helpful in assessing the need of the homeless population living on the streets and in emergency shelters.

Homeless Services Committee: Commissioner Newsom reported on this committee stating that part of her work is being done by other factions such as MAG so rather than duplicate an effort that is already taking place she will step back and see where they can fill in the gaps in the assessment. Donna Bleyle also suggested that Commissioner Newsom be the 'center-point' for tracking progress in all three Continua of Care.

Data Management Committee: Commissioner Williams reported on this committee stating that he is concerned with the fact that he still does not have a contract from the federal government and has already spent 1.8 million in funding. He feels we need to take a look at the state of appropriations and make the federal government accountable for maintaining the stream of funding. Commissioner Newsom suggested that we try to cultivate the private sectors and faith based communities. Commissioner Trailor stated that we have to be diligent and keep working with our representatives.

Announcements:

- Commissioner Spicker announced that United Way is about to complete three years with the City of Tempe's pilot which started the ending chronic homeless campaign, and has maintained a 90% retention rate.
- Commissioner Newsom announced that HUD released a new definition for chronic homelessness and she will take a look and analyze it to see if it has any impact.
- Commissioner Newsom also announced that HUD approved the paperwork on 25 units of

permanent supportive housing for families and they have currently identified seven families who will be moving into these units shortly, UMOM is also closing down 10 units of temporary housing.

Future Agenda Items:

- Commissioner Leveton suggested we have David Bridge come and speak to the commission on the Human Services Campus.
- Commissioner Spicker stated that in July he will be able to report on Studies and Surveys.

Next Meeting:

The next ACHH meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16, 2013.

Adjourn:

Co-Chair Traylor called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved and passed by the commissioners in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.